

**The humble address of the Council, in Assembly, to the Honourable William Gooch, Esq; His Majesty's Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in chief, of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia [Williamsburg, 1736] [Negative photostat.].**

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THE Humble ADDRESS OF THE COUNCIL, in ASSEMBLY, TO The Honourable WILLIAM GOOCH, Esq; His Majesty's Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia.

HIS Majesty's most dutiful and loial Subjects, the Council of this Colony, now met in General Assembly, gladly lay hold of this Opportunity to express their grateful Acknowledgements for Your affectionate SPEECH to both Houses, at the Opening of this Session.

IT cannot but afford us the greatest Pleasure, to find You still pursuing the same just Measures, which have been so remarkable through the whole Course of Your Administration; and wherein You have always so wisely join'd the Service of Our most gracious Sovereign, with the true Interest of the People: And since, conformable to the same Principle, You have now recommended to our present Consultations, nothing but what tends greatly to the Public Safety and Utility; give us Leave, Sir, to assure You, on our Part, of our ready Concurrence in These and all other such Measures, as shall be necessary for bringing this Session to a happy Conclusion.

WE most gratefully acknowledge His Majesty's tender Concern for the Welfare of all His People; and with the utmost Satisfaction and Thankfulness, we observe, whilst His Roial Cares have been applied to that great Work of Restoring the Peace of *Europe*, His Beneficence has, at the same Time, been extended to us His distant Subjects, in the Confirmation of those Acts of the last Session of Assembly, greatly beneficial to the People of the present Generation, as well as to our latest Posterity; who, we hope, will retain the same grateful Sentiments with us, of His Majesty's Goodness, and Your kind Endeavours, and good Offices therein. AS

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AS for us, Sir, who have the Honour to be the near Witnesses of the Prudence, Moderation, and Justice, of Your Administration, we should be unjust to ourselves, as well as ungrateful to Your Character, if we did not take this Occasion to declare, That we esteem the Quiet and Tranquility which this Colony has enjoy'd under Your Government, as one of the greatest Public Blessings: Which we sincerely wish may be long continued to us.

*To which ADDRESS to Governor was pleased to make the following ANSWER.*

Gentlemen,

*I Heartily thank you for this kind and obliging Address: It is great Consolation to me, to meet with so ample a Testimonial from such faithful Witnesses: And as nothing could give me greater Pleasure, than to find my Administration approved by you; so I shall always, with the utmost Cheerfulness, continue my best Endeavours for the Service and Prosperity of this Colony, whilst I am thus assured of your Candour and Affection, and have no Doubt of your friendly and sufficient Assistance.*

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